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# The AWEX Code of Practice

- In my position With the Australian wool exchange I work with Wool Classers in clip preparation, education, and training on a National level.
- I provide advice and support on wool classer activity.
- AWEX develops the Code of Practice for the preparation of wool.
- The purpose of the Code of Practice is to prepare wool to meet the needs of our customers and processors, to maximise competition in a global market.

# Wool Classer Registration

- Wool Classers are trained and registered with AWEX.
- Wool Classers are issued with a stencil
- The presence of the stencil on the farm bale is assurance that the contents of the bale meets the Code of Practice
- All sale lots are inspected and feed back is given to the classer.
- The aim of this scheme is to provide confidence in Australian Wool to our customers.

# Objectives of the Wool Classer

- To Prepare uniform lines of wool
- Wool that is contamination free
- Wool that is correctly packaged
- Bale contents are correctly described
- The wool clip documents are completed and correct.

Meeting with our Chinese customers to discuss issues.



# Mob Concept

- The Flock structure of the Australian wool industry is important for clip preparation.
- Growers select and run large uniform groups of sheep – Mobs
- All wool from one mob is uniform and is the basis of classing
- Understanding breeds and wool types is an important aspect of wool classing.